

THE CHURCH OF
SAINT MONICA
 BERWYN, PENNSYLVANIA

Encountering Christ - Through Scripture, Through Liturgy, Through Serving Others

**THE CHURCH of
 SAINT MONICA**

Founded January 11, 1897

Parish Offices

(Pastoral Administration; Religious Education; Business & Finance; Worship & Music; Facilities)

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Mass Schedule

Daily Mass 8:30 a.m.

(Monday thru Saturday with a Communion Service on Wednesday)

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 7:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

Holy Days 8:30 a.m.

of Obligation 12 noon

The Sacrament of

Reconciliation (Confessions)

Monday 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday 6:00 to 7:00 a.m.

Saturday 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

Anytime by appointment.

Second Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2019

FROM the PASTOR'S DESK...

Jean-Guenolé-Marie Daniélou, S.J. was a French member of the Jesuit order and a Roman Catholic cardinal. He was a theologian and historian, and also served as a "peritus" (expert advisor) during Vatican Council II.

In 1967 he published the book *Prayer as a Political Problem*. It is long out of print and nowhere online. In the introduction, the author writes,

The religious problem is a problem of the masses. It is not at all a problem of the elite. When it comes to masses of people, religion and civilization depend very much on one another. There is no true civilization which is not religious; nor, on the other hand, can there be a religion of the masses which is not supported by civilization.

It would appear that today there are too many Christians who see no incongruity in the juxtaposition of a private religion and an irreligious society, not perceiving how ruinous this is for both society and religion.

But how are society and religion to be joined without either making religion a tool of the secular power or the secular power a tool of religion? This book invites the reader to join in the search for an answer to this problem which is vital for tomorrow.

When Daniélou was writing, we were just 20 years out of the shadows of World War II. "The Cold War" was in full swing. In the 1960s religious persecution was primarily the sphere of politics. Communism, with its religious and political persecution, was very real as witnessed by the Berlin Blockade, the Hungarian Uprising, the Cuban Missile Crisis, and the Prague Spring.

As I survey the religious landscape of our country, the idea of religion as a positive influence on society seems far fetched. What seems troubling is that it is not just the real of politics that seems to threaten religious belief and practice. Daniélou was one of the politics, economics, academics (yeah, right)...

Gaudiamus et Spes (The Church in the Modern World) was one of the four "major" documents from Vatican II. Daniélou was one of the contributors to the document along with Henri de Lubac, Karl Rahner, Yves Congar, Joseph Ratzinger (Continued on Page 4)





OUR PARISH PRAYER
INTENTION for THIS WEEK

May God bless our First Communicants as they receive Jesus for the first time.

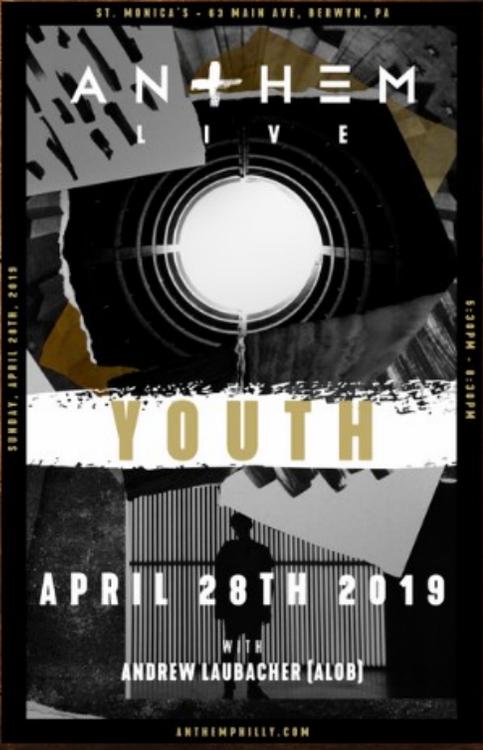
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*Discipleship and
 Formation*

WHO? Middle & High Schoolers
6th Grade welcome!

WHAT? Adoration, Talk, Music, Food, Fun

WHEN? April 28 from 5:30 to 8:30 PM

WHERE? St. Monica Church and Grotto



NEWS *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEKEND RETREAT

A weekend retreat offers many opportunities; to know your God better, to know your church better, to know your neighbor better, to know yourself better. Think about it. Retreat weekend is June 14 -16 at Malvern Retreat House, Malvern, Pa. For more information, please call or email Mark F. DiGiovanni at 610-764-6525 or markdigiov@aol.com.

REGISTRATION FOR OLA VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019

All children between the ages of 4 and 12 please join us for fun and excitement from **Monday Morning, June 24 to Friday Morning, June 28 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 NOON** each day. This is **15 hours** of songs, games, activities, crafts, Bible stories and daily snacks. The cost is \$60.00 per child, \$110.00 for two and \$145.00 for three or more children in the family. Registration Forms can be found at olastrafford.org/news&events/vbs.

*****Adult and High School Volunteers are**

needed. In order to receive the VBS CD & Tee Shirt registrations must be received by **Monday, May 6.**

CYACC - HOLY HOUR, BENEDICTION, AND NIGHT PRAYER

Join CYACC - Chester County Catholic Young Adults on **Wednesday, May 1st** for an amazing evening of adoration, music, and night prayer. We will begin at **7:30pm** in **St. Agnes (lower Chapel), in West Chester.** Confession will also be available. Following the event, we will rejoin for fellowship at a local venue. For more information visit www.cyacc.org, find us in Facebook or email us at cyacc1@gmail.com.

IHM NUN RUN

Join the IHM Sisters for their annual 5K Run / Walk, June 1, 8:30 AM start time. Proceeds benefit Camilla Hall. For more information go to: www.ihmnunrun.org.

Registration closes May 3rd!



A Silver Jubilee!

**Join us to celebrate the
25th Anniversary of the
Ordination of
Father Charles Zlock**

**SATURDAY, 11 MAY 2019
5:00 PM MASS**

*A reception will immediately follow
Mass on the Church Plaza.*

*Father Zlock has been ministering to
and Pastor of the people of Saint Monica's
since 2013.*

*Come wish him well
on this momentous occasion.*

PLEASE RSVP FOR THE RECEPTION AT WWW.SAINTMONICACHURCH.ORG.

*A Guest and Memory Book will be available in the
Gathering Room for all to sign.*

If you have any questions, please contact Aagee Lane at 610-908-7007

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for MARCH 2019

March 2019	\$71,485	43% Electronic	March YTD 2019	\$603,958	48% Electronic
March 2018	\$64,721	48% Electronic	March YTD 2018	\$637,501	47% Electronic
March Budget	2018-2019	\$71,812	March YTD Budget	2018-2019	\$637,834

SUNDAY COLLECTION

**Easter Collection 2019 \$30,715
Easter Collection 2018 \$40,970**

*We have 179 families
contributing electronically.*

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a Second Collection this weekend for the Saint Monica Saint Vincent DePaul Fund. May God bless you for your continued generosity.

The Fiscal Year 2019 budget for Saint Monica Parish is available on line at www.saintmonicachurch.org under the Parish Information tab in the Parish Leadership section.

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM the PASTOR'S DESK ...

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(you might have heard of him), and an archbishop from Krakow named Karol Wojtyla (you've definitely heard of him). The document places a heavy emphasis on human "freedom." It makes clear that "freedom" is not the same as "license" or "indulgence" or wanton feeding of human impulses. The emphasis is that free acts need to be measured against some type of moral standard. Only in this way can one determine whether or not the action is leading toward the person's thriving. *Gaudium et Spes* also makes the claim that societies likewise need some type of objective standard to measure its actions. Religion is the standard by which society and the actions of its citizens are measured to determine whether or not the society is thriving.

This leads us to one of the issues in Danielou's second paragraph. The tendency today is to claim that religion is strictly a "private" matter. This is becoming an especially popular position in the state legislature and in Washington D.C.

In a 2018 article about religious freedom (specifically talking about the supreme court case, *Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission*) the author writes that,

*During Phillips' case, several members of the Civil Rights Commission expressed the view that **faith has no place in the public square**, that those who believe in traditional marriage are not welcome in Colorado, and that religious freedom is merely a rhetorical mask for simple bigotry.*

If faith has no place in the public square and is strictly a private matter, then no individual can claim a conscientious objection basis that a particular action is against their religious convictions. Discussion about this issue is not new. It is all the way back to the framers of the constitution and the "Establishment Clause" found in the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States. One can find landmark Supreme Court cases dealing with religious liberty going back to the 1800s.

What is troubling in *Masterpiece Cake Shop* case is not that the case wasn't necessarily decided on the grounds of religious liberty. As seen in the *Forbes* article, "*For Justice Kennedy, these statements from the Commission—coupled with evidence that **they treated other conscientious objectors differently** — was proof that Phillips was not treated fairly and impartially under the law.*" The (continued)

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Catholic Church weighed in on the issue during Vatican II with the promulgation of The Declaration on Religious Freedom or *Dignitatis Humanae*.

"*Dignitatis Humanae* spells out the church's support for the protection of religious liberty. It set the ground rules by which the church would relate to secular states, both pluralistic ones like the United States and officially Catholic nations like Malta... The passage of this measure by a vote of 2,308 to 70 is considered by many to be one of the most significant events of the council."

In light of such cases as *Masterpiece* and the *Hobby Lobby* case, *Dignitatis Humanae* has not only come under scrutiny but also under criticism in recent years. Voices claim that the document desperately needs to be revisited and that the Catholic Church needs clearer, and perhaps even stronger, language concerning the topic of religious liberty.

Seen in this light, Danielou's can definitely be considered prophetic and prescient.

Charles Zlock Jr

JOB OPPORTUNITIES:

CAMILLA HALL NURSING HOME

We have the following positions available:

Nursing Assistants FT/PT - All Shifts

Current Nursing Students Welcome

to Apply for Summer Positions

Food Service Workers FT/PT – Hours Vary

Great Opportunity for High School and College Students

Complete online application at www.camillahall.org. Call 484-321-5630 or fax 484-321-5696.



PLEASE JOIN US

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Monday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 pm

Parish Rosary in the Church

Every Monday at 7:15 pm



Every Sunday at 1:00pm, St. Monica sends out an email with links to the Bulletin, Mass readings and latest events happening in our parish and area. Do you receive it? If not, let us know! Send us an email at ministries@saintmonicachurch.org. Don't miss out!

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

'Tis the season for sunglasses. Yes, there are a few more hours left for April showers to gray the skies. But soon enough the dominant weather will be sunny and warm. We'll all be needing that often stylish eye wear to protect us from the glare of our nearest star.

We know that people who were contemporaries of Our Lord had no such protection, and that diseases of the eye were commonplace. Evidently it was part of the risen Jesus' kindness that precluded Him from dazzling all those who saw Him with bright light, such as the one which temporarily blinded the future St. Paul. But they saw clearly that Jesus came to them despite locked doors and spoke to them as naturally as they remembered. All this post the awful crucifixion and burial. Most of their number had fled the scene that awful Friday. But here He was smiling at them again. That alone generated awe and dropped jaws!

John records two private "audiences" the King of kings granted to the original Apostles. One was to ten of them, and another to eleven, St. Thomas making the count difference. We may still be a little taken back by Thomas' famous *four* words at hearing the news: "I will not believe!" Didn't he trust his closest friends? Did he surmise that they were all deluded by wishful thinking? Yet, we are immediately touched by the *five* words of this man's humble profession of faith as he knelt before his Lord and said: "My Lord and my God!"

That is where the story might have ended. But then we would never have been given the comfort of Jesus' *ten* words to Thomas that followed: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

As those of Our Lord's words have echoed down the twenty plus centuries since they were first uttered, most of us have clung to them when the winds of doubt and discouragement have blown mightily in our faces. I know I have. Not every day living out the priesthood is filled with bliss. Nor I suspect have they been the same for you who have been given your vocations of marriage or the single life. But be assured that your fidelity inspires and encourages my own. My hope always is that mine does the same for you. It's all part of Easter joy. It also prevents our "Alleluias" from sounding hollow.

Those same ten words of Our Lord to St. Thomas are, to me, a part of Our Lord's divine mercy. That consoling part of His nature that truly leads me to trust in Him. I have turned to those words often over the more than seven decades of my life when I have been aware of not seeing, even though I am called to be believing. That is an appropriate thought today, because this is also "Divine

Mercy Sunday," so designated by Pope St. John Paul II, who was himself an icon of faith.

I began these reflections thinking that it's time for wearing sunglasses, and how they help us to see clearly now in the bright light of the new season. The Easter story has a lot to do with vision of another kind. It reminds us so powerfully that "*true faith is the daring of the soul to go farther than it can see.*"

ST. MONICA'S HOLY NAME SOCIETY AND MEN'S CLUB

SAVE THE DATE ... Sunday, May 19th
***Moses Coming to Monica's* - HNS Mass at 9:30 AM,**
followed by a continental breakfast in the cafeteria.
ALL Moses followers are welcome.
More info to come.

OUTREACH



St. Gabriel's Food Cupboard Monthly Collection is this weekend after all Masses. No time to shop? Cash and donations payable to St. Gabriel's Food Cupboard are most welcome and can be left in the designated box in the gathering space. Canned goods and donations can be left through Tuesday, April 30, by 8:30 am.

ANNIVERSARY SENTIMENTS

A Guest Book offering congratulations to Father Zlock on the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination will be available for signing at all Masses the weekends of April 27/ 28 and May 4/ 5. We welcome all parishioners to sign the book either before or after mass on these weekends.

Please Note:

- No evening confessions on Monday, April 29
- No morning confessions of Tuesday, April 30

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for April 28

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	9:00 am-4:30 pm	Adoration	Church
	7:15-7:45 pm	Parish Rosary No Confession	Church
Tuesday	6:00-7:00 am	No Confession	Church
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Communion Service	Church
Thursday			
Friday	9:30-11:00 am	Legion of Mary	Rectory
	9:00pm-8:00am	Nocturnal Adoration	Church
Saturday	4:00-4:45 pm	Confession	Church

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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

The Saint Monica Parish Bulletin is published weekly and is available both on the parish website and distributed to the assembly.

Submissions are due each Monday by noon and should be e-mailed to parishbulletin@saintmonicachurch.org with formatting left to a minimum.

Please include a contact name and phone number with your submission. In the case where announcements must be submitted handwritten, please make sure the text is legible.

BULLETIN INSERTS

All inserts must be submitted to the Rectory Office for approval a minimum of **two weeks** before you would like it to appear.

MASS INTENTIONS for April 28– May 5

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 pm	+ Joseph Corcoran	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	<i>Second Collection: St. Monica St. Vincent DePaul Fund</i>
7:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Avicolli	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Jill Roberts	Fr. Serano	Contemporary	
11:30 am	+ Frannie Lane	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
Monday, 29th	+ Lawrence Harris	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 30th	+ Ronald J. Daniels	Fr. Serano		
Wednesday, 1st	Communion Service			
Thursday, 2nd	Fr. William A. Trader	Fr. Lee		
Friday, 3rd	+ Tom Canfield and Sal Vanore	Fr. Zlock		
Saturday, 4th	+ Joseph Corcoran	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 pm	+ Ida and Betty Borzillo	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	<i>Special Collection: Catholic Home Missions</i>
7:30 am	+ John Stillwell	Fr. T. Rossi	Quiet	
9:30 am	Intentions of Fred and San DiAntonio	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
11:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	

If Mass is being said for a loved one and you would like to present the gifts, please see the Usher.

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Sonia Altirman, Matt Baker, Drew Brazer, Michael Byrne, Terri Carson, Lilly Ciocca, Ann Curvan, James DiAntonio, Gavin Duffy, Rita Dunn, Joseph Erwin, Ria Filippelli, Judy Fittipoldi, Elaine Flynn, Hugh Gannon, Kelly Glacken, Mary Hartley, Karen Hastings, Natalie Innella, Jenna, Maya and Eva Izz, Faith Johnson, Clare Johnston, Libby Judge, Debbie Kern, Charlie Litzelman, Sue McDonnell, Dan McMonigle, Heather Moore, Dr. Mark Nardone, John Neff, Rob Niederer, Steve Pannella, Apolonia Pepperling, Rita Reilly, Joel Rivera, John Robinson, Mary Rose, Cathy Russell, Gary Smith, Mildred Walsh, Joe Zielinski

THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

*Joseph M. Zielinski, Dora M. Zechman,
Margaret Coffey, Mother of Aagee Lane*

H.O.P.E. — HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCIES

Leader for this week: Joanne Rogers at 610-889-0963

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